

Amendments To The Specification

Please insert the following priority history paragraph between the Title and the first line:

This is a division of U.S.S.N. 09/868,899, filed on July 9, 2001, that is a 371 of International Patent Application PCT/CH00/00002, filed on January 4, 2000, that has priority benefit of Swiss Patent Application 111/99, filed on January 21, 1999.

Please replace the original paragraph on page 10, lines 27 and 28, with the following amended paragraph:

Figures 1 to ~~[[7]]~~ 11 show, for example, various aspects of the present invention.

Please insert the following new paragraph on page 14, line 5:

Figure 9 shows the front of the packaging unit 16a of the embodiment shown in Figure 4, Parallel to the top transverse seam 17a and in the border area of one side edge thereof, lies a portion of a weakened zone 20a. Each such portion of a side weakened zone 20a is part of such weakened zone 20a that opens a side of packaging unit 16a. Each such weakened zone 20a is located across one of the side edges of packaging unit 16a and extends onto the border areas of the front and back of the packaging unit 16a. Figures 10 and 11 each show one of the side (edges) of the packing unit of Figure 3. In each of Figures 10 and 11, the portion of the weakened zone 20b shown is parallel to the top transverse seam 17a.